

MISCELLANY

If We Knew.

If we knew the cares and crosses
Crowding round our neighbor's way,
If we knew the little losses
Sorely grievous, day by day;
Would we then so often chide him
For his lack of thrift and gain,
Leaving on his heart a shadow,
Leaving on our life a stain?

If we knew the clouds above us
Held but gentle blessings there,
Would we turn away all trembling
In our blind and weak despair?
Would we shrink from little shadows
Lying on the dewy grass,
While 'tis only birds of Eden
Just in mercy flying past?

If we knew the silent story,
Quivering through the heart of pain,
Would our manhood dare to doom them
Back to haunts of guilt again?
Life hath many a tangled crossing,
Joy hath many a break of woe,
And the cheek tear-stained is whitest—
This the blessed angels know.

Let us reach into our bosoms,
For the key to others' lives,
And with love toward erring nature
Cherished good that still survives;
So that, when our disrobed spirits
Soar to realms of light again,
We may say, "Dear Father, judge us
As we judged our fellow-men."

Social Life at Bucharest.

"The Roving Englishman," a correspondent of "Household Words," who has for many months been wandering through the Eastern world, and whose sketches have recently been published in a handsome volume, dates his last communication from Bucharest, the capital of Wallachia. We extract the following daguerreotype of social life there:

Fancy an agreeable community of gypsies playing at civilization, and my reader will not have an erroneous idea of Bucharest. Life is nowhere so free from vain restraints and troublesome formalities. There are no grave worshipful persons about, to shame merry folks into being staid and serious. A true Wallachian looks upon flirtation as the business of life. This may be varied now and then by dancing, gambling, and official peculation; but these are merely casual diversions, and the true bred Wallachian returns to the first occupation with a quickened sense of enjoyment. He is indeed a political intriguer by nature; but, after all, politics are merely an amusement to him, and he would give up the schemes of half a lifetime for the smile of some bedizened old coquette of forty-nine. He is not ambitious, but he likes place for its profits, for the temporary advantage which it gives him over his rivals in love affairs, and over the neighbors who desire to rob him in some way—as most of them do. Every Wallachian nobleman believes devoutly that he has a right to hold some public office, at least once during his life, to divorce his wife when he pleases, and to outwit his neighbor. He would bear the utmost extreme of want and poverty, however, rather than follow any trade. Recently the prejudice entertained among the nobility against the learned professions is happily melting away. I take it, they consented to be instructed by the Greeks in this respect; so it is pleasant to add that the present minister—or it would be more correct to say director—of the interior, was a doctor of medicine, and that by far the greatest man in the country lived long in exile on the honorable earnings of a small professorship in Moldavia.

I know no race of men more winning and interesting than the Roumans, or of conduct more thoroughly objectionable. The men are mostly slight, dark, gipsy-looking fellows, with keen, restless eyes. They are as active as wild men. They are almost as strong and fearless as their old Dacian forefathers; but they consider it the height of fashion and good taste to affect an exaggerated effeminacy of demeanor and habits. It is delightful to see some well-knit gentleman, with a sweeping mustache six or seven inches long, a nervous frame, and the glance of a hawk, whose right place would undoubtedly be at the head of a body of irregular cavalry, placing his trust in eau de Cologne and cambric handkerchiefs, or waltzing with a six-dandy power fifty times round a room which he can't clear from one end to the other at a single bound. But conversation, however carefully subdued, breaks out now and then in strange fiery sallies. There is a racy, fine-flavored smack about it, which speaks of keen wits and hearty animal enjoyment, in the midst of the most artificial scenes. Extraordinary intimacies exist among them. Friends are fond of calling each other by some pungent nick-name that would torture the ears of a used-up gentleman of the West—a nick-name usually derived from some odd act of roguery, which has of course been found out. They walk into each other's houses unannounced. They stay as long as they please, joining in the meals and occupations of the family, and talking,

dancing, singing eternally. They are always combining and arranging practical jokes of an elsewhere unheard of nature. The ladies enter keenly into this sport, and distinguish themselves in it. A gentleman of the French nation who was visiting not long ago, at the house of a great Boyard, was delighted at the attentions of a lady who formed one of the company. Before the evening was over, she implored him to write to her. The enraptured Gaul complied; and, on going out to dinner on the following day, learned to his dismay that his letter was the general topic of conversation in polite society, and had been handed about by his fair friend to all her acquaintances.

Two other stories are worthy of the Decameron. A lady of high rank sent her confidential servant to pay her milliner's bill. It amounted to one hundred and sixty ducats, or about four hundred dollars of our money. The roguish servant dressed himself smartly, and sought the milliner. She was one of the belles of the city. He made love to her; and, in earnest of his wealth and liberality, pressed the hundred and sixty ducats into her eager hand. He became her accepted lover. A few days afterwards, the milliner saw him behind the carriage of one of her best customers; he let down the steps; the lady tripped in, and casually mentioned the recent payment of her bill. The milliner blushed denial; the story got wind, and was considered one of the best jokes of the season by all parties.

The Wallachians, however, sometimes meet their masters in practical joking. A Russian major made fierce love to a Wallachian lady noted for gambling and gallantries.

"I want three thousand ducats," said the lady pleasantly.
"Here they are," answered the major, with great politeness; "but I shall be at home to-morrow morning, and the least you can do is to call and thank me." The lady went. The major locked the door and quietly departed about his business. In the course of the day, there was an unceasing search made for the lost lady. She was traced to the house of the Russian major. Her husband followed, and asked for his wife.

"Wife!" sneered the major, "I have indeed a woman here somewhere, but she is my slave. I have bought her for three thousand ducats. If she is your wife, pay me back the ducats, and you shall have her."

The exceeding wit of this joke supplied laughter among all classes for months, and the major became one of the most popular men in the country. Such things seem incredible, yet such things are.

It is odd to hob-nob across the table with a man in diamond studs who has just committed a burglary; to exchange jests with a card-sharper; and to look round on a company of well-dressed ladies, who are each and all the subject of some astounding history.

ORIGIN OF CAMP-MEETINGS.—A correspondent of the Boston Bee gives the following version of the origin of these popular religious gatherings: "It has generally been supposed that camp-meetings originated with the Methodists, but history informs us that the Presbyterians were first in the enterprise. I not long since listened to a sermon upon the subject, from which I gathered the following facts: Two brothers, preachers, one a Methodist, the other a Presbyterian, were traveling in the State of Tennessee. They stopped at a village to spend the Sabbath. There being but one church in the place, (a Presbyterian,) it was agreed they should both preach in it—the Methodist officiated in the morning and the Presbyterian in the afternoon. As they were very zealous in the cause, they concluded to hold a meeting on Monday. The excitement became so great that the house was not large enough to accommodate the multitude, and they adjourned to a grove near by, and the people came from far and near; some bringing tents, others covered wagons, and continued the meetings a week. Hence the name of camp-meetings, though the Presbyterians have never made it so prominent in their operations as the Methodists, yet they share equal in its origin. The Methodists have ever since observed it, and as a body feel as much obliged to attend the annual camp-meetings as the Jews did their feast of tabernacles.

JUDGE CAMPBELL'S EXPERIENCE AS A PRISONER.—The Mobile Tribune has the following:
Hon. John A. Campbell, just returned from the Federal prison at Pulaski, speaks very favorably of the gentlemanly treatment he received at the hands of the officers and men garrisoning Pulaski, and in whose keeping he remained for four months, and

even relates that a colored regiment, which had been on duty there, presented him and his fellow-prisoners, on their leaving the fort, with a well turned letter, expressing their sincere wishes for their prompt return to their homes and families.

We are not at liberty to divulge the many interesting points of historical interest which, in the course of friendly, cordial intercourse, the Judge expounded in that quiet, clear style which as a lawyer and a judge had made him so justly celebrated; but we hope that they will not be lost to the world, and that the classical pen which has written so many learned decisions will be employed in perpetuating the memory of the important events witnessed by the Judge.

Governor Marvin, of Florida, in his message to the Convention, expresses the opinion that if the colored race in this country can be fully and fairly protected in their persons and property, they may be stimulated to be industrious and economical, in order to educate themselves and their children, and improve their physical, moral and intellectual condition, and become, not many years hence, the best free agricultural peasantry for our soil and climate that the world has ever seen. But if denied protection and justice, they will be deprived of the ordinary motives to industry and economy.

A writer in the Cincinnati Gazette, who has made a three months' tour through the cotton States of the South, as the result of his observations, advises Northern men of capital and enterprise to go South and engage in the culture of cotton, which, he thinks, for the next eight or ten years, will pay better than any other investment. He speaks kindly of the Southern people, and thinks the Government might now safely withdraw the military, and leave the States to manage their own affairs.

The Lynchburg Virginian, of the 12th, says in reference to Gen. Kirby Smith, that this distinguished gentleman, late Confederate commander of the Department of the Trans-Mississippi, reached this city yesterday morning, direct from Cuba, where he has been sojourning for several months. His many friends will welcome him back to the country again. He comes in pursuance of authority from Gen. Grant to do so, to be placed on the footing of other Confederate officers of his rank.

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